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RE: *The CSEA Local 808 Holds Food and Fund Drive to Benefit the Food Bank of the Southern Tier*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Elmira, NY – The Food Bank of the Southern Tier announces that a generous gift was presented by CSEA Local 808. Tom Pirozzolo- the CSEA Local 808 President, Vance Stroman– the CSEA Local 808 Vice President and Steve Wilbur– the Chemung County Unit Steward presented a check in the amount of \$1,554.00. Additionally, 360 pounds of food were donated to the Food Bank. This donation will support the Food Bank’s hunger relief efforts.

The CSEA Local 808 is comprised of: Chemung County Unit, Chemung County Sewer District, Chemung County Library District, City of Elmira, Elmira Water Board, Horseheads Transportation, Horseheads Cafeteria and Custodial, and Horseheads Secretarial. The CSEA Local 808 provides public services including elderly care, clearing the roads in Chemung County, assistance with transporting children to school, caring for county and city parks, providing Social Services and more.

On February 15, 2009, the CSEA Local 808 held a meeting at Lib’s Supper Club where attendees were asked to bring donations. The meeting was given the slogan, "**Have a Heart, Help Feed the Community**". Attendees were charged an admission for their dinner and the chance to win several prizes. All of the proceeds from the admission and drawings were donated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Additionally, a food drive was held at all of the work sites allowing employees to bring in food donations.

“Civil Service Employees are historically very considerate, caring, generous and serve the public in so many different ways. We have always tried to do things for the community, the Red Cross, Food Bank, Heart and Cancer Association, Special Olympics and currently for the Salvation Army as we collect old cell phones for abused women,” said Tom Pirozzolo, the CSEA Local 808 President. “Under the current economic conditions, anyone working is blessed. Why not help the less fortunate,” added Pirozzolo.



From left to right: Vance Stroman– the CSEA Local 808 Vice President, Natasha Thompson– Food Bank of the Southern Tier’s President & CEO, Tom Pirozzolo- the CSEA Local 808 President and Steve Wilbur– the Chemung County Unit Steward.



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To learn more about the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and how you can support local hunger-relief efforts, visit the Food Bank's website at www.foodbankst.org or call 607-796-6061.

About the Food Bank

In operation since 1981, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier distributes food and food-related products to people in need through a network of more than 180 hunger-relief agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other non-profit organizations. The Food Bank also has a number of programs that fight hunger including the Backpack Program™ and Mobile Food Pantry. Located in Elmira, NY it is a regional agency of Catholic Charities and one of eight Feeding America affiliate Food Banks in New York State serving the six counties of Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, Tioga and Steuben.

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